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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT OSLO CONFERENCE

1. SINCE JANUARY AUSTRIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN QUERYING DEPARTMENT CONCERNING USG'S INTENTIONS RE ATTENDANCE AT OSLO " CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS FOR SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA". USG HAS NOW DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT UNSYG'S INVITATION TO SEND TWO EXPERTS. OUR REASONS ARE OUTLINED IN CABLES BEING REPEATED SEPARATELY TO YOU.

2. UK GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO TOLD US THEY WILL NOT ATTEND AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INDICATED THEY ARE LEANING AGAINST ATTENDANCE, WITH DECISION TO BE MADE BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. FYI: WE AND BRITISH HAVE ALREADY MADE
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DEMARCHES TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT URGING FRENCH NOT TO
ATTEND. END FYI. USG HAS INFORMED UNSYG OF OUR DECISION.

3. WE HAVE TOLD AUSTRIAN EMBASSY HERE AT WORKING LEVEL
OF USG' S DECISION. WHILE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT SUGGEST
YOU ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, DECISION BY
AUSTRIA AS SC MEMBER NOT TO ATTEND WOULD ADD WEIGHT TO OURS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT
AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF OUR DECISION NOT TO ATTEND
AND OUR UNDERSTANDING RE BRITISH AND FRENCH THINKING. YOU
MAY DRAW ON SEPTELS TO EXPLAIN OUR CONCERN ABOUT OSLO
CONFERENCE. ROGERS

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